

Rooms Overlooking St. Peter's Square Occupied by Pope

Vatican Apartment Remodeled for His Holiness—News of Society at Rome.

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THE Pope has recently moved into the Papal apartments on the second floor of the Vatican, which since the death of Benedict XV. have been entirely remodeled. During the repairs His Holiness occupied the Tronette reception room.

The apartment, which overlooks the square in front of St. Peter's, has been restored to the arrangement it had under Pius X. The late Pope had moved the chapel to communicate with his sleeping room. Now a corridor cuts off the chapel from the other rooms of the apartment. Next to the chapel are the dining room, office and two salons, all overlooking St. Peter's Square. Near the Pope's sleeping room are the rooms of his personal servant, Malvestiti; his chamberlain, Mgr. Confalonieri, and his personal chaplain, Mgr. Venini.

Against the background of a charming spring, Roman American society plays a brilliant role as Easter approaches. The city is a cosmopolitan pageant, in which American travelers coming from Naples and the Riviera mingle with the society of the Continent and Egypt. Latin America and the Near East.

Mr. Child Returns.

Probably in no other center of Europe is there such a concentration of the world of fashion, religion, diplomacy and romance, as in Rome this month. Social functions are plenty, but visitors in Rome are taking full advantage of the delightful weather and spend their days and many of their evenings outdoors, visiting historical spots, motor-cars to near-by towns, or wandering about the antique shops and flower markets. The Pincio gardens overlooking the city are thronged at tea time. The social life of Rome now centers in the hotels, which are the scenes of dinner parties, teas, musicales, and functions in which titled Roman society takes a conspicuous part.

With the return of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Richard Washburn Child, from a few days rest in Naples, the diplomatic world took on renewed social activity. Mr. and Mrs. Child were dinner guests of Baron Avenarius at the Grand Hotel on Sunday, and at a mid-week dinner and reception given by Miss Kemp they were the guests of honor. Other guests were the British Ambassador and Lady Graham, Marquis de Villa Urrutia, the Spanish Ambassador, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard, Mr. and Mrs. Gunther, Countess Lovetelli, and the Count and Countess Palfy.

Several Americans were present at a reception given last week by the French Ambassador and Mme. Barrore. The Greek Minister and Mme. Metaxas also received.

Receptions and Dinners.

Private receptions of note included those given by Gen. and Marchioness Montelli in their villa on Via Giustiniani by Marchioness Dumet, who was Miss Oliver of New York, and by Countess Alexandra Malagola, who had among her guests Mrs. Converse, King, Stone and Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Duesch, Torlonia and Gen. Joseph Garibaldi.

Private Sunday dinners at the Grand Hotel continue to be an event of the week. Mrs. Gardner Sherman entertained at dinner March 19 the Duke and Duchess de Aroses, Mr. and Mrs. Van Roijen, Mr. and Mrs. Witta, Count and Countess Frankenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Bogio Susa, Mr. and Mrs. Bradly, Mr. and Mrs. Mosselmann, Count Revettioy and Count de Viten. At other tables were Count and Countess Palfy, Duke and Duchess Torlonia, Mr. and Mrs. Keeling, the Marchioness de Tailleyrand and Prince Wollonski.

Palermo has attracted a large number of visitors this month and the season is becoming very active. Among the week's arrivals at the Grand Hotel are: Princess Beatrice de Battenberg, Mme. Lucy Drexel Doherty, M. and Mrs. Paul Carter, Mrs. Mary Blumenthal, M. and Mrs. Whitney Carpenter, Miss Caroline Prentice, Miss Mabel Wombough, Mrs. and Miss Walton, Mrs. Mildred Vernon Hoskin, Mrs. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Saver Kent Clow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sayre, Mrs. Margaret Sherlock, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus King, Mrs. Annie Jennings, Miss Galland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asby, Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. Gail Julie Lucas, Mrs. Orlan Davison, Mr. William Lewis McClellan, Mr. Maurice Paillet, Mr. Henry James, M. George Gibbs, Mrs. Alkins, Miss Mary Olsen, Miss Hilda Morris, Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall Allen, Mrs. Lizzie Burdick, Mrs. Hosselot, Miss Dorothy Hood, Mr. Harry R. Nelson and M. Jean Hartman.

Mr. Milton Hubbard has left Florence for the Hotel Windsor at Cannes. Mr. Carlo Piaz, minister extraordinary to the Vatican from Bolivia, has returned after receiving an appointment from Pope Pius XI. as commander of the "High Order." Mr. Cano has come from Paris to replace him as Bolivian minister to the Vatican.

Word has been received from Florence of the death of Mrs. Margaret Wilson Thomson in her villa at Capri.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chase of Syracuse, N. Y., have left Rome for a tour of Constantinople, the Holy Land and Egypt.

TRAGIC FLIGHT OF CATS IN PARIS MARKETS

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Five million rubles is the reward offered for a lost cat, advertised in the Russian newspaper *Pravda*—roughly \$2,000,000 at pre-war rates. At the same time public opinion in France is stirred by the tragic plight of lost cats infesting the central markets. It is declared that when a Parisian wishes to dispose of a cat he takes it to the markets and "loses it there. The majority of cats are unable to forage in competition with the fierce huge rats that abound there, and consequently starve. That is, they would starve but for the kindness of one old woman known as "Mother Michel," who for fifteen years has made a huge pile of scraps she collected in the neighboring restaurants, which is put out to feed hundreds of famished cats every night. In recent years this work has been supported by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is declared the Government should take steps to exterminate stray cats or provide a means of feeding them.

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